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1. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO MAL'TSEV THAT NOVEMBER TIMING
WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. BECAUSE OF PROXIMITY
TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY JCM. TO MAL'TSEV'S RESPONSE THAT
SOVIETS HOPE TO HAVE MEETING EARLY ENOUGH IN NOVEMBER
TO HAVE U.S. DEL RETURN BEFORE START OF ATOMIC ENERGY
JCM, EMBOFF COUNTERED THAT U.S. HAD INFORMALLY
ANNOUNCED ITS DESIRE TO HOLD ATOMIC ENERGY JCM IN PHILADELPHIA
OR CALIFORNIA. THE OUTSIDE-WASHINGTON SITING WOULD MEAN
PREPARATIONS WOULD BE MORE COMPLEX AND TAKE LONGER.

2. MAL'TSEV SAID HE CAN VERY WELL UNDERSTAND THAT DIFFPXULTY.
HE SAID THAT SOVIETS' PROBLEM WITH 24 OCTOBER TIMING
ARE "CONNECTED TO THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION CELEBRATIONS."
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MAL'TSEV WILL DISCUSS ISSUE WITH LOPATIN AND ADVISE.

3. COMMENT. MPE'S SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES FOR WEEK OF
24 OCTOBER ARE PROBABLY QUITE REAL, FOR SOVIETS ARE NOW
PLANNING TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION A MAJOR
"SPECTACULAR," COMMEMORATING BOTH SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY
AND NEW "BREZHNEV" CONSTITUTION. EMBASSY SHARES VIEW

THAT NOVEMBER TIMING UNDESIRABLE, BECAUSE OF BOTH DECEMBER
ATOMIC ENERGY JCM AND PROBABLE NOVEMBER ENVIRONMENTAL
JCM. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER MPE SOME RELIEF WHILE KEEPING
ENERGY AND ATOMIC ENERGY JCM'S SEPARATE BY ADVANCING DATES
SLIGHTLY, I.E., TO WEEK OF 17 OCTOBER OR WEEK OF 10 OCTOBER.

PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SUCH DATES FEASIBLE.
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